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SUBJECT: MBFR: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE AS TO WHETHER DIFFERENCES WITH EUROPEAN ALLIES MAY CAUSE PROBLEMS IN DEALING WITH SOVIETS, SECRETARY SAID "WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THE SOVIET UNION FULLY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE REMAINS THE CORNERSTONE OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY. OUR DIFFERENCES WITH EUROPE CONCERN THE DIRECTION OF WHAT WE CONSIDER TO BE A COMMON EFFORT. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL WE SACRIFICE EUROPEAN INTERESTS IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, NO MATTER WHAT OUR

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DISAGREEMENTS MAY BE WITH THE EUROPEANS. WITH RESPECT TO

TROOP REDUCTIONS...THE NEGOTIATIONS ON TROOP REDUCTIONS...
THEY ARE CONTINUING ON THE COURSE THAT HAS BEEN AGREED TO
IN NATO. WE'VE HAD A TRILATERAL CONVERSATION THAT HAS
BEEN FORESEEN WITH THE UK AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC THIS
WEEK. THESE CONVERSATIONS WENT WELL, AND THERE'S AN AGREED
ALLIED POSITION WHICH WE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE."

2. IN ANSWER TO ANY PRESS QUERIES WE PLAN TO SAY THAT
BRITISH AND GERMAN GOVERNMENTS HAD EXPRESSED PARALLEL
DESIRES SOME TIME AGO TO DISCUSS CERTAIN ARMS CONTROL
MATTERS WITH US GOVERNMENT. IT THUS SEEMED LOGICAL INVITE
OFFICIALS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO WASHINGTON AT SAME TIME

AS PART OF THE NORMAL PROCESS OF CONSULTATIONS AMONG
ALLIES. THE ALLIES ARE CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA
ON THE BASIS OF POSITIONS ALREADY AGREED WITHIN THE
ALLIANCE.

3. REGARDING SUBSTANCE OF DISCUSSIONS, WE PLAN TO SAY
WE HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO SECRETARY'S REMARKS. KISSINGER

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